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1. FONOFF (SEO) GAVE US FOLLOWING DETAILS TO ADD TO REFTEL ACCOUNT OF KIMURA-KIM DONG JO CONVERSTATION IN WASHINGTON SEPT 27. KIM BEGAN BY REITERATING DEMANDS THAT CHOSOREN BE PLACED UNDER STRICT CONTROL. ROK, HE CONTINUED, NOT PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT KIM TAE-JUNG AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO LET HIM GO ABROAD UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES. HOWEVER, UNTIL HIS ELECTION LAW VIOLATION CASE IS SETTLED, A PASSPORT CANNOT BE ISSUED. AT THE MOMENT, KIM TAE-JUNG IS HOLDING UP TRIAL WITH DELAYING TACTICS.

2. KIM DISCUSSED THREAT FROM NORTH KOREA AS SERIOUS AND CITED CONCERNS OF ROK-US CONSULTATIONS IN HONOLULU AS SUPPORT FOR HIS ANALYSIS. HE ALSO QUOTED INDONESIAN FONMIN MALIK'S STATEMENT THAT MAINTENANCE OF SECURITY SYSTEM ON KOREAN PENINSULA IMPERATIVE AS LONG AS NORTH KOREA STILL DREAMS OF UNIFICATION THROUGH EXPLOITATION OF REVOLUTION.

3. ON UN, KIM TOLD KIMURA ROK LOOKING IN VAIN FOR  
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ARAB CONSPONSOR AND NEEDED HELP IN SECURING ARAB SUPPORT.

THOUGH ROK HAS GIVEN UP PUSHING HARD FOR UN MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR, THERE NO REASON ROK SHOULD BE PUT ASIDE IN INTERNATIONAL FORUM JUST BECAUSE DPRK POSITION. KIM CLOSED REMARKS BY INVITING KIMURA TO A MINISTERIAL-LEVEL MEETING IN SEOUL (REFTEL).

4. AFTER DEMURRING ON MINISTERIAL MEETING INVITATION, KIMURA ASSURED KIM THAT JAPAN WOULD DO EVERYTHING IN ITS

LEGAL POWER TO CONTROL CHOSOREN. KIMURA SAID HE WISHED ABOVE ALL TO SEE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES RE-ESTABLISHED ON CALM AND RATIONAL BASIS.

5. COMMENT: WE DOUBT KIMURA WILL MEET WITH KIM THIS YEAR. THOUGH KIMURA TOLD PRESS ON OCT 5 HE HAD STILL NOT MADE UP MIND, SEO REFLECTS GENERAL FONOFF VIEW THAT ANY MEETING NOW WOULD SEEM TO BE PREMATURE. FONOFF CONFICENCE IN KIM DONG-JO REMAINS AT ROCK BOTTOM (NO PUN INTENDED). IN ANY CASE, KIMURA'S SCHEDULE RAPIDLY FILLING. TRIP TO AFRICA EARLY NOV WILL BE FOLLOWED BY PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT, AND PERHAPS BY KIMURA TRIP TO MOSCOW, WHICH HE REPORTEDLY STILL MULLING.

6. GOJ STILL RECOVERING FROM TENSIONS OF CRISIS AND TREATING EVERY STATEMENT ON KOREA WITH UTMOST CARE. FONOFF HOPEFUL THAT PROSPECT OF PRESIDENTIAL VISIT WILL HAVE AT LEAST TEMPORARY MODERATING EFFECT ON PARK, BUT DON'T KNOW HOW LONG THIS WILL LAST. THE FIRST PRIORITY, AS SEO TOLD DEPASST SEC GLEYSTEN OCT 7, IS RESTORATION OF SOME OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE LOST DURING MOST RECENT FLAREUP.  
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